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31 March 2003

The Honorable Robert O'Farrell
Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
Monterey County
Post Office Box 1819
Salinas, CA 93902

SUBJECT: 2002 MONTEREY COUNTY GRAND JURY FINAL REPORT

Dear Judge O'Farrell:

Contained herein are the required responses from the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea to the following sections of the referenced Report:

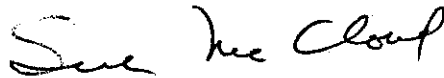
Monterey Peninsula Water Management District

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Fluoridation of Drinking Water in Monterey County

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Very truly yours,



Sue McCloud, Mayor

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**SUPPLEMENT TO THE MID-YEAR FINAL REPORT
ON
AVAILABILITY OF WATER ON THE MONTEREY PENINSULA
The Role of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District**

FINDINGS

6. The results of the voting on Measure B indicate the desire of the majority of voters within the MPWMD to abolish the water district. The advisory vote on the question "Should the MPWMD be dissolved?" was 66.5% in favor and 33.5% opposed.

Response: While the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea supported other peninsula cities in adding an advisory measure to the November 2002 ballot, the City has not taken a formal position on dissolution of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. the November 2002 advisory vote of the affected residents should be taken as a mandate and the existence of the MPWMD be terminated by proper political process. That the cities and County mount a joint effort to have their state legislators sponsor a bill in the legislature to dissolve the MPWMD, and*

Response: The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea has not taken a formal position on dissolution of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

2. one of the following options be chosen in place of the current MPWMD:
 - a. No new agency, leaving Cal Am to operate as it does in most other areas, under the aegis of the existing state agencies; or

Response: The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea has not addressed any issues related to the dissolution of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

- b. A joint powers agency with a board of directors comprised of appointees from those same cities and the County.

Response: The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea has not addressed any issues related to the dissolution of the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District.

FLUORIDATION OF DRINKING WATER IN MONTEREY COUNTY

FINDINGS

1. *Fluoridation of drinking water will provide a positive health benefit to the citizens of the County with the greatest benefit accruing to the most disadvantaged citizens.*

Response: To the extent that fluoridation provides a dental health benefit, and probably most benefits disadvantaged citizens, the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea agrees with this finding.

2. *With the possible exception of smaller water systems, start-up and operations costs of drinking water fluoridation are more than offset by cost avoidance in the areas of dental and general health care.*

Response: The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea has no basis and lacks the professional expertise from which to render such a finding.

3. *There are a multitude of water providers and jurisdictions within the County, and there is no coordinated advocacy program joining political leadership and health professionals to implement fluoridation of drinking water.*

Response: While the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea agrees with this finding, it cannot offer a solution.

RECOMMENDATION

3. the Cities of Carmel-by-the-Sea, Del Rey Oaks, King City, Monterey, Pacific Grove, Salinas, Sand City and Seaside (for areas serviced by CAL AM) which are served by private providers, seek funding and express public support for implementation of water fluoridation by their water suppliers, and establish a schedule to accomplish these goals.

Response: The City of Carmel-by-the-Sea has not formally addressed any aspect of the fluoridation of water received from its local water purveyor.